

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with R. WILLIAM GRAHAM on 12/13/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend line 3, of claim 1 to recite:

a web server computer, comprising hardware, having ...

Please amend line 8, of claim 1 to recite:

a client computer, comprising hardware, communicatively ...

Please amend line 3, of claim 24 to recite:

a web server computer, comprising hardware, having ...

Please amend line 8, of claim 24 to recite:

a second computer, comprising hardware, communicatively ...

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to disclose the features of *a client computer communicatively linked to said web server computer having web browser software having SSL protocol client software operably disposed thereon ... wherein said first SSL connection is established between said web browser software and SSL acceleration client software operably disposed thereon said client computer, wherein said SSL acceleration client software communicates with said SSL acceleration server software ... wherein said second SSL connection is established between said SSL acceleration client software and said SSL acceleration server software in a manner wherein said private key is never transmitted to the SSL acceleration client software on said client computer and which permits optimization techniques to be applied on data transmitted through said second SSL connection*, as found recited, in combination with remaining claim limitations, of claim 1 (and similarly within claims 11 and 24).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFERY WILLIAMS whose telephone number is (571)272-7965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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